

From The Greeley News.

"THEY COME HIGH,

BUT WE MUST HAVE 'EM!"

MORE ABOUT THE SALE OF POST-OFFICES.

Our article on the sale of postoffices, last week, created quite a bit of excitement in Greeley, and especially about the Greeley postoffice.

When the writer carried the papers to the postoffice, Thursday evening, we were met by a man who was very angry over the statement that an old soldier at Westphalia had said that an old gentleman had told him certain things mentioned in the article. The old man proceeded to call us a liar and many other nice names, and when we told him that our informant was his son-in-law, D. J. Matheny, he said Matheny was a d—d liar, and so were we, and if we said anything more about him, he would annihilate us, or words to that effect. He said, too, that Matheny did not tell us any such thing. Mascho also said that Matheny was a drunken fellow, and his word was worth nothing at his home—Westphalia. On Friday morning, we took the train for Westphalia, taking a copy of THE NEWS. We read the article to Mr. Matheny, then gave the paper to him, and he read it. After reading it, he said, "You stated it just right. You have told the facts in the case, and I'll testify to it." We asked him if he had any objection to saying so in writing. In answer, he took a pen and piece of paper and wrote the following:

"WESTPHALIA, KAN., Oct. 17, '90.
"The statement THE GREELEY NEWS of Oct. 16, 1890, made in regard to what I told the editor is true, and my part I am willing to testify to at any time. I regret to have to make the facts public, on account of family connection, but, in order to let the people know the truth, I am compelled to."
"D. J. MATHENY."

As to Mr. Matheny's character and record for sobriety, truth and veracity, we would ask any one to inquire of any citizen of Westphalia, in good standing.

But, the postoffice-buying fellows and their henchmen are mad, and they will stoop to anything to try to blacken the character of those stand up for truth and decency. The outfit has been heard to threaten the editor of this paper with personal injury. Some of them were heard to say that "Champe works in his office almost every night, and that's the time to do him up—nobody would ever know who did it." We wish to say that Champe will be found in his office almost every night, as usual, and, further, that he won't be waylaid. Just remember that.

Now, we wish to say that we have furnished all the evidence necessary to show that money was used to secure the Greeley postoffice, but we have other evidence yet in reserve. We also have evidence that signatures were secured to Mascho's petition by misrepresentation.

But, enough about the Greeley post-

office for the present. We said last week that we would have something to say about other offices in the county, so we will begin by presenting a few

AFFIDAVITS.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss.

ANDERSON COUNTY, ss.

Personally appeared before me, a notary public within and for said county of Anderson, state of Kansas, Jere Orton and Saml. W. Reed, residents of Westphalia, in said county and state, and to me well known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and on their solemn oath, each for himself, declares that, on evening of March 20, 1889, one Dr. J. B. Jones, a resident of Mont Ida, in this county, in a conversation with us in which it was mentioned that Senator Joel Moody was then in town and looking after affairs of postoffices, said in these words: "Money is what he" (referring to Moody,) is after; and Doc. here, (referring to Dr. Thos. Kirkpatrick, then present,) can get this office," (meaning the Westphalia postoffice,) "for Fifty Dollars, and he, (referring to Senator Moody,) told me that I could have the Mont Ida office for twenty-five dollars, but I told him," (here Dr. Jones raising his right hand and placing end of thumb to point of his nose and moving rapidly the four fingers of this hand,) "no! you can't come it." We further state that this conversation and assertion was in presence and hearing of Dr. Thos. Kirkpatrick, and was gratuitous, voluntary, on part of said Dr. Jones, and was spoken, not in any apparent levity, but in straight out assertion, in usual conversational manner. Further deponents saith not.

JERE ORTON.

SAML. W. REED.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28th March, 1889.

[L. s.]

EMIL FLUSCHE,
Notary Public.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss.

ANDERSON COUNTY, ss.

Alburtus Knapp, aged 68 years, a resident of Westphalia, Kans., states on his oath that on evening of 20th March, 1889, he was present and standing within 6 to 8 feet of Jere Orton, Saml. W. Reed, Drs. J. B. Jones and Thos. Kirkpatrick while a conversation was had between these parties, but my hearing, at no time very good, did not hear the conversation fully, but I recollect very distinctly seeing Dr. J. B. Jones raise his right hand, place thumb to his nose and making quick motions with the 4 fingers of that hand.

ALBURTUS KNAPP.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 28 Mar. 1889.

[L. s.]

EMIL FLUSCHE,
Notary Public.

STATE OF KANSAS, ss.

ANDERSON COUNTY, ss.

This day appeared before the undersigned notary public within and for Anderson county, state of Kansas, F. M. McElfresh, citizen of Holden, Mo., to me known to be reputable and entitled to credit, and on his solemn oath declares that, on or about the latter part of March, 1889, in a conversation with one Dr. J. B. Jones of Mont Ida, Kansas, in regard to postoffice affairs in this county of Anderson, the said Dr. J. B. Jones said that Senator Joel Moody said to him, (Jones,) about in these words: "If you want the Mont Ida postoffice, put up twenty-five dollars (\$25)." This occurred on trip down to Mt. Ida on hand car. And further deponent saith not.

F. M. McELFRESH.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 14th day of August, 1889.

[L. s.]

SAML. W. REED,
Notary Public.

And now you have the affidavits. Can any honest person longer doubt

that money was used to secure some of the postoffices (we won't say all) of this county?—and if of this county, of other counties in the Second congressional district? Yes, reader, bribery, pure and simple, was used in the disposal of postoffices. Some one may say, "O, well, Funston did not know anything about it." Didn't he? Let us see:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES U. S.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 6, 1889.
Mr. Saml. W. Reed,
Westphalia.

DEAR SIR:

Yours of the 2d inst., with copy of affidavits, is at hand. The affidavits are very damaging to the good name of Mr. Moody. I have asked him to straighten the matter out.

I am truly

E. H. FUNSTON.

Now what do you say? Did not Funston have the evidence before him in the affidavits of men he had known for years, and knew to be responsible and reliable, that Moody was offering to sell the postoffices, and names of parties to whom he offered to sell? Yet, did Funston make Moody "straighten the matter out"? Did he not appoint the very men Moody offered to sell to? But, it is demanded that proof be made that money was passed—actually paid. O, no! that is not necessary. That might be hard to do. But when the Greeley postoffice investor had to take his friends and relatives, at home and abroad, into the secret of how much he paid for this postoffice; and when such men as Messrs. Orton, Reed and McElfresh declare positively that Dr. J. B. Jones said that Moody offered him a postoffice for \$25, and that "the Doctor here (meaning Dr. Kirkpatrick) can have the Westphalia postoffice for \$50," and Funston acquiesced, need anything more be said?

We can show some twenty other letters from Funston to soldiers whom he had led to believe he would favor in appointments to postoffices, but basely deserted and deceived them; also, other affidavits that relate to crookedness with parties whose names have not yet appeared—but they may yet.

As to the affidavits we present this week, we would say that if any one doubts their genuineness, they can be seen at this office, together with the written testimony of Mr. Matheny.

The affiants are men whose veracity will not be questioned. Jere Orton is a prominent merchant, notary public, stockholder and director in the Bank Westphalia. Samuel W. Reed is a practicing attorney, notary public and justice of the peace. Alburtus Knapp is a boot and shoe dealer, and has held many offices of profit and trust in Miami county, before locatin at Westphalia. J. M. McElfresh is bridge inspector on the Missouri Pacific railroad, and from the position he holds, he must be a responsible man.

With all this array of evidence, most positive, that Joel Moody offered these offices for sale for "so many pieces of silver," and the fact that those to whom he offered to sell received the appointment by recommendation and influence of Funston, who will say now that Funston was

not a party to this most iniquitous transaction?—BRIBERY!

Now, reader, we have uncovered to your gaze, and for your consideration, some of the damnable rottenness of some of the leaders in that "great party of progress, morality and reform"—and we have only told you a little bit—have just given you a peep at the corruption. We could unearth much more, and some of it right here at home—for instance, trying to buy off opposition papers at \$100 apiece—but we have given enough to show to honest people that there must be a change; that a vote for the "old crown" means a vote to continue the reign of corruption, in state and nation.

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